

Industry Invited To Join Ranks With Adult School

Industrial plants in the Torrance and surrounding area are invited to use the free facilities and expert advice of the Torrance Adult School," according to Donald Manashaw, Director of the Torrance School of Adult Education.

A & P Celebrates Managers' Week

Celebration of A & P Food Stores' eighth annual Managers' Week begins today in the local branch of the food organization. Company officials describe the occasion as a special selling event for local shoppers.

He Reaches A Climax

One of the greatest sages of all time said, "Death begins with birth. To prepare for it is good husbandry." Epictus, one of the greatest philosophers of all time, said, "Each day, man builds toward a climax. To prepare for this climax, to make it a memorial, a marker of the roadway of life, requires careful contemplation and a wise use of the tools God gave to us."

"When industrial plants in this area have labor training or critical manufacturing problems, they are invited to take advantage of the free public facilities of our school to help them in their problems for the benefit of themselves and the community at large," Manashaw went on.

The Cal Metal Corporation is now conducting a course in practical blueprint reading and industrial drafting room on Tuesday evenings. Other industrial plants are considering a similar course to help expedite their defense and non-defense training programs," he continued.

Instructors especially designed for industrial plants will be engaged and these may include lead men or foremen from the industries themselves, or other recognized authorities whom the factories and the school decide upon.

The classes can be held in any of the Torrance School facilities or on actual location in the factories themselves and can be worked out by all parties concerned.

Legion Dance Saturday Night

The Bert S. Crossland American Legion Post 170 will hold its regular monthly dance, 9 p. m., this Saturday at the Legion Hall on Border Avenue, Torrance, according to Joseph Piatt, publicity chairman.

Piatt also announced that the popular orchestra, The Rhythmairs, has been obtained to play for a future dance to be held May 19.

Prepare the ground now for chrysanthemum plants, which may be set out in a few weeks. Work up the earth until it is finely pulverized and mellow and dig in manure and bone meal.

P-TA Council Delegates To Attend Confab

The Lomita-San Pedro P-T-A Council met in regular session in the auditorium of the San Pedro Gas Company on April 6, with the President, Mrs. Don Wolf, and Vice President, Mrs. A. C. Ackerson, in charge.

Mrs. Elizabeth Flake of the Point Fermin School gave an informative and interesting review of her tour of South America. Mrs. Flake's talk was illustrated with colored slides and a display of handiworks.

The local association will send as their delegates to the State convention May 2nd and 3rd, their president-elect, As delegates from the Council Mrs. Wolf and Mrs. Ackerson will attend.

Many Harbor area mothers, including choral groups from Seventh Street, Halldale, Orange, and Harbor City schools will attend the May 3rd session in which choral groups from all over the state will present a 30 minute program under the direction of Nancy Pauline Turner, State music chairman.

In a summary of annual reports which read from March 1, 1950, to March 1, 1951, Mrs. Wolf announced that there had been 121 local meetings, within the local council, with an attendance of 11,050.

Repair Work in Lomita To Be Investigated

Charges of poor construction and a demand for an investigation of the repair work on shoulders on both sides of Pacific Coast Highway through Lomita were made by residents and businessmen in the area to the Lomita Chamber of Commerce this week.

A request for a check into the repair work on the shoulders, which complainants say left the sides of the highway in worse condition than before being repaired, was made to the State Highway Commission through the Chamber of Commerce at a meeting of the board of directors.

Use of the highway by motorists in the few months since the work was done has deteriorated the asphalt paving, leaving "chuckholes," cracks, and crumbling surfaces.

The residents and businessmen said the shoulders are not used extensively by motorists passing through the community, but by local persons stopping along the highways for business trips and parking.

The poor condition of the roadway is a deterrent to business, it is charged, and an inconvenience to motorists. The Chamber of Commerce is forwarding the request to the State Highway Commission, it was reported.



GOING FISHING—is one thing that Carl Steele (left), member of the Torrance Unified District School Board likes to do, especially when it's his own boat, the Linda Lee. Shown watching his son-in-law, Phil Jensen, tie a knot on their 54 foot sport fishing boat, is Steele. The fishing craft leaves with passengers from the Redondo Beach pier for an all day fishing trip. This is the fourth year the Linda Lee has been operating.

Red Shield Trucks Call For Salvage This Week

Red Shield trucks of the Salvation Army are on the go this week picking up castoff materials donated by Torrance residents who are participating in the annual salvage week campaign.

During the salvage drive, which continues through Saturday, a special fleet of trucks is calling at homes and offices for throw-away articles which will be re-conditioned in the workshops of the Salvation Army Social Service Center serving this area.

J. Hugh Sherley Jr., Torrance Salvage Week committee chairman, urges local residents who have discarded articles to contribute to call Torrance 1563 for a truck.

The Salvation Army urgently needs the salvage materials to continue its social rehabilitation

program, Brigadier Ransom D. Gifford, social service center manager, said.

He pointed out that discarded articles provided thousands of hours of work therapy, meals, beds and financial assistance to needy and handicapped veterans and non-veterans.

Needed are used clothing, furniture, home appliances, radios, bedding, dishes, newspapers, magazines and miscellaneous articles.

One-Millionth Meter Installed By Edison Co.

The Southern California Edison Company, today connected the one-millionth meter to its electric service lines.

The historic meter was installed at 11:45 o'clock this morning at the new home of Mr. and Mrs. Dale B. Lillywhite, 8652 La Tremolina Lane, in the Friendly Hills section of Whittier.

W. C. Mullendore, Edison Company president, personally connected the special gold-plated meter, Number 1,000,000, in company with Mr. and Mrs. Lillywhite, Public Utilities Commissioner Harold P. Huls, Mayor P. J. O'Melia of Whittier, and W. L. Phillips, Manager of the Edison Company's Whittier District. Members of the Edison Company Board of Directors, officers of the company, and managers of the 32 Edison districts in Central and Southern California, also were present.

Mr. and Mrs. Lillywhite were guests of honor at a luncheon in Whittier commemorating the event. The luncheon was attended by public officials, civic leaders, and Edison Company executives.

"The installation of the company's one-millionth meter is an especially significant event for Southern California, as well as for the company," Mullendore said. "This occasion spotlights the unprecedented growth and development of the 18,500 square mile area served by the company, and the tremendous influence this program in the West has had upon the State and the entire Nation."

Indicative of the progress made by Southern California and the Edison Company during the past 55 years, the Edison Company's parent company, the West Side Lighting Company, had, in 1896, a plant investment of \$11,000; a steam-electric generating station, with a capacity of 60 kilowatts, and a total connected load of five commercial arc lights and three street arcs. Today, the company serves more than a million meters, its territory includes approximately 3,000,000 people and its plant investment amounts to more than \$600,000,000.

Control System Developed Improved Anti-Aircraft Fire

Development of a new and for more effective firecontrol system for the automatically aiming anti-aircraft artillery has been announced by Bell Telephone Laboratories, research and development unit of Bell Telephone System, with the approval of the Army Ordnance Corps for whom the project was undertaken, according to A. B. Smith, manager of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company.

The new fire-control system, a virtual maze of wires, resistances, switches and vacuum tubes -- is already in production by the Western Electric Company, manufacturing and supply unit of the Bell System, also operating under an Army Ordnance contract.

The new system is an outgrowth -- with many radical improvements -- of the famous Bell Laboratories electrical gun director and its associated radar systems, which proved remarkably effective against Nazi planes and "buz bombs" in World War II. This earlier fire-control system, a major "secret weapon" of the war, worked almost entirely automatically.

Radar found and "tracked" a hostile plane, and fed continuous information concerning

its location into a computer, or "electrical thinking machine," which was the heart of the system. At the same time, data relating to wind velocity, muzzle velocity of the shells, temperature and similar factors, were given to the computer. This machine then calculated automatically where a shell should explode to bring the plane down and automatically aimed the guns to do just that.

The new fire-control system, adaptable to firing either 90. or 120 mm. anti-aircraft batteries, operates on the same general principles as its predecessor, but many improvements and refinements have been incorporated. As a result, it is far more effective and flexible than the World War II version.

The close association between the Bell Laboratories and Western Electric in the Bell System for many years, the manager said, has provided an ideal working arrangement for ensuring complete coordination between research and development on the one hand and manufacturing on the other in putting these new and highly complex fire-control systems in production.

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